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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM AMBASSADOR HELMS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY TO IRAN

1. I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU WILL BE COMING IN OUR DIRECTION
DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST. IT WILL BE A MOST TIMELY
VISIT SINCE PREOCCUPATION HERE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS WITH US
POLITICAL ATTITUDES, BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN, IS INTENSE.

2. MAY I SAY THAT I WAS PARTICULARLY TAKEN WITH THE TONE OF
YOUR RECENT INTERVIEW IN DIE ZEIT. IT IS REFRESHING TO SEE
SOME HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL STANDING TALL INSTEAD OF SIGNING ON
TO THE POPULAR FICTION THAT VIRTUALLY EVERY IDIOTY MAY BE
EXCUSED BECAUSE OF VIET NAM. IN THIS GENERAL CONNECTION YOUR
SPEECHES ON FOREIGN POLICY BEGINNING WITH THE ONE IN
SAN FRANCISCO WHICH WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY AT YOUR OFFICE IN
LATE FEBRUARY HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY FIRST CLASS. THEY MUST
HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ONE OF THE THINGS I AM SURE YOU HAD IN MIND,
I.E., LAYING OUT AMERICAN POLICY IN A CLEAR, UNDERSTANDABLE
FORM FOR EVERYONE TO SEE INCLUDING OUR OWN CITIZENRY. IT IS
A GREAT PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION YOU HAVE MADE, AND WOULD BEGIN
UNDERLINE HOPEFULLY END UNDERLINE LEAD TO AN ENLIGHTENED DEBATE
DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

3. WE MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT MONTH. WARM REGARDS.

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